

Abstract

The Internet and copyright – the scope of liability of individual parties involved and modes of protection against piracy

The main purpose of this diploma thesis is to evaluate the current state of the legal regulation of copyright in relation to the responsibility for violation of such law in the Internet environment. The thesis contains a list of valid Czech and European legal standards and a list of international treaties affecting the topic.

I have also analyzed the responsibility for copyright infringement on the Internet in the light of primarily European case law. Given the so-called Europeanization of law and its impact on copyright law, European case law has a great significance also for the decision-making of Czech courts. I chose the topic of my thesis because the connection between law and the Internet appears to me as interesting and this area is constantly evolving and changing, as the Internet itself has become an absolutely unpredictable area in terms of the number of active users.

Another problematic and very interesting area is the conflict of features, namely the features of the Internet that are inherently non-border, and copyright, which is territorial. I have judged this conflict of interest in the light of both the offline and the online world, which addresses the wider interpretation of certain standards and the case-law to which European law is changing. The conclusion of the thesis was devoted to the development of copyright in the future and to the current European standards, which aim to more unify the copyright. In particular, the so-called Copyright Directive, which is intended to bring revolutionary changes for European Union member states and Internet law, unfortunately also brings about negative changes in my view, namely the different perceptions and interpretations of the safe harbor principles and its legal regulation.

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